

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 26 May 2022

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Fi Dalgety  
Cr Gill Duncan [*via Zoom*]  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Tracey Hiroa  
Cr Waru Panapa  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Cath Ash

**In attendance**

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner  
Ms Tiana Nepe, Communication and Engagement Advisor  
Ms Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager  
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm. The Mayor held a moments silence for the passing of Mr Harerangi Meihana and Mr Charlie Rourangi.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/151**

That the apologies for Cr Raukawa and Cr Lambert be received. Cr Ash may have to leave the meeting early.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr C Ash. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Mr Mark McCoard, Mr Daryl O’Hara and Mr Tyson Burrows from the Taihape Squash Club presented to Council. Their request to Council is for more land in order to obtain a resource consent.

In response to a query, Mr Burrows advised that they are looking for six metres beyond the paint shed.

Mr Burrows explained that there was urgency with their request, as a potential funder requires the Club to have secured more land before they will consider their funding request. The funding round in question closes in July, and so the Club are seeking a resolution from Council either at this meeting or by the end of June 2022 at the latest.

The Mayor set aside sect 15.1 (Time Limits) of the Standing Orders and allowed the public forum to continue.

In response to a query, Mr Burrows advised that the extra six metres was the only bit of land the Club required to obtain a resource consent. However, if granted more land than this the Club would also be able to add a picnic table.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest with relation to item 9.1 (Chief Executive’s Report – May 2022), specifically with regards to para 8 (Huntermville Sport and Recreation Trust).

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Council considered the request from the Taihape Squash Club as a late item (item 12.1).

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Council Minutes

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/152**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 April 2022, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the Mayor's electronic signature be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Amendment: change "Mr" Prince to "Ms" Prince.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/153**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2022

Cr Panapa spoke to the passing of Harerangi Meihana, and stated that his loss will be felt by the community.

The Mayor updated Council on the Taihape ambulance station. There will be a new brand building of IL4 status (a level of importance relating to seismic resistance) and there will be a 2-man 24 hour ambulance there at all times.

The Mayor acknowledged Ngāti Hauiti for their role in fast tracking the development and opening of the new Mangaweka bridge. In response to a query about the security of the pou, the Mayor advised that it sits on a concrete plinth, but the plaque itself may need some consideration.

The Mayor advised that applications to Duddings Trust close on 08 July 22, and that this Trust provides around \$800,000 per year to the community in funding.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/154**

That the Mayor's Report – May 2022 be received.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2022

It was noted that the Spatial Plan and Annual Plan event on 13 April took place in the Memorial Park (not the Village Green), due to inclement weather.

#### Waka Kotahi – Technical Investment Audit – Final Report

Regarding the Audit Rating Assessments (section 5.2), Mr Benadie advised that both (a) and (b) refer to processes, and there is no extra cost involved. With regards to (d), the auditors have confirmed to staff that all roading improvements must be audited. It was noted that all roading staff are provided to Council under the shared services arrangement with Manawatu District Council.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that these audits will be completed by roading staff and not individual contractors. It was noted that Waka Kotahi did not audit the Taihape – Napier road.

#### Scooter Rack, Te Matapihi – Bulls

Council supported the installation of the scooter rack, noting that it will not be fixed to a wall.

#### Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update

In response to a query, Mrs Grant advised one event was in relation to problematic behaviour from a member of the public towards staff.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/155**

That the Chief Executive's Report – May 2022 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/156**

That Council approves the request from the Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust to change their name from "Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust" to "The Hunterville Community Assets Trust" to better reflect the true nature and activities of the trust.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Ash. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/157**

That Council approves a waiver of 100% of the \$250 for the building consent exemption application fee to the Hunterville Huntaway Festival Committee.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

#### **Recommendation**

That, in relation to the scooter rack at Te Matapihi, Council does not approve the revised design.

Cr Carter/Cr Hiroa. Lost

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/158**

That, in relation to the scooter rack at Te Matapihi, Council approves the revised design and accepts that it will not be fixed to the building wall.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/159**

That Council's contribution to the Te Matapihi scooter rack be capped at \$1,000, with any additional costs associated with the manufacture or installation of the Scooter rack be paid from the Bulls Community Committee small projects fund.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Council Controlled Organisations - Exemption

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/160**

That the 'Council Controlled Organisations - Exemption' report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/161**

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

HWTM/Cr C Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/162**

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Disaster Relief Trust from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the year ending 30 June 2022.

HWTM/Cr C Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/163**

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Disaster Relief Trust from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

HWTM/Cr C Ash. Carried

## 11 Reports for Information

### 11.1 Project Management Office Report - May 2022

Undertaking:

Staff to confirm when the road leading to the Mangaweka Bridge will be open for heavy traffic, and that any work required should proceed at haste.

To include PMO reporting requirements as part of a future Council workshop.

#### Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that Council are delivering elements of this project (including the installation of pipe) now due to funding from central government that needs to be used in this financial year. The other elements of this project will be commenced in due course.

#### Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Ms Foley advised that the artwork is currently under production.

It was noted that the use of the bus lane by heavy vehicles was a potential safety concern. Staff will investigate possible options and report back to a future Council meeting.

Cr Gordon joined the meeting at 2.13 pm.

#### Marton Water Strategy

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that he was unsure when drilling was expected to begin on the new bore, but the tender closes mid-June and the commencement date will be confirmed after that. The drill depth is expected to be around 450 metres.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that an external study was completed to identify the most suitable aquifer to explore.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/164**

That the Project Management Office Report – May 2022 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Ash. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/165**

That due to safety concerns around vehicles other than buses using the Bulls Bus Lane, Council staff be asked to investigate possible options around discouragement and enforcement practices.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

### 11.2 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update

Ms Gray advised that over the six-week engagement period 206 survey responses were received, with the biggest response coming from Koitiata community. Staff are now analysing the results of those surveys and the Spatial Plan will then be drafted.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/166**

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update' be received.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr A Gordon. Carried

## 12 Late Item

### 12.1 Late Item - Taihape Squash Club

Mr Beggs noted that if there were any adverse impacts to authorising this request, he would bring this information back to Council.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/167**

The reason the item is not on the agenda is the information from the Taihape Squash Club was presented to Council as part of the submissions to the Annual Plan but there is a need to deal with this before the Annual Plan process concludes. The reason it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is the Taihape Squash Club need to urgently submit a funding request for this project and any delay could jeopardise that funding.

Cr D Wilson/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/168**

That Council direct the Chief Executive to examine the request made by Taihape Squash Club for additional land and to advise Council on what adverse impacts, if any, there may be in agreeing to this request.

AND

That Council delegate to the Chief Executive, HWTM and the Chair of Assets /Infrastructure to authorise the request made by Taihape Squash for additional land, should there be no or minor adverse impacts to Council of the request.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## 13 Minutes from Committees

### 13.1 Minutes from Committees

Taken as read.



**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/169**

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 April 2022
- Bulls Community Committee, 31 January 2022
- Bulls Community Committee, 29 March 2022
- Finance/Performance Committee, 28 April 2022
- Hunterville Community Committee, 02 May 2022
- Policy/Planning Committee, 14 April 2022
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 06 April 2022
- Sports NZ Rural Travel Fund, 28 April 2022
- Youth Council, 12 April 2022

Cr C Ash/Cr W Panapa. Carried

## 14 Recommendations from Committees

### 14.1 Recommendations from the Finance/Performance Committee 14 April 2022

Cr Belsham advised that the reason for this carry-forward is that COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the uptake of this fund. As COVID-19 restrictions lessen moving forwards, the Committee wish to make available these funds in order to support new initiatives.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/170**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 28 April 2022:

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends to Council that the remaining funds of the Community Initiatives Fund 2021/22 (totalling \$14,823.68, less the \$1,000 for the Samoan Remembrance Day), be carried-forward to the Community Initiatives Fund for 2022/23.

Cr N Belsham/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## 15 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.36 pm.

### Resolution to Exclude the Public

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/171**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Confirmation of Council Minutes (Public Excluded)
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Developer Agreement for Hendersons Line
4. Briefing Paper - Property in Bulls
5. Future use of Property in Bulls
6. Sale of Kensington Road Property

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<b>15.1 – Confirmation of Council Minutes (Public Excluded)</b>	s7(2)(a) - privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(c)(ii) - damage the public interest s7(2)(h) - commercial activities s7(2)(i) - negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>15.2 – Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	s7(2)(a) - privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(c)(ii) - damage the public interest s7(2)(h) - commercial activities s7(2)(i) - negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>15.3 – Developer Agreement for Hendersons Line</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(h) - commercial activities s7(2)(i) – negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>15.4 – Briefing Paper - Property in Bulls</b>	s7(2)(f)(ii) - improper pressure or harassment s7(2)(g) - legal professional privilege	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>15.5 – Future use of Property in Bulls</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(h) - commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>15.6 – Sale of Kensington Road Property</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(h) - commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr C Ash/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 16 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.52 pm.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/182**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

22/RDC172 - 22/RDC/181

Cr N Belsham/Cr B Carter. Carried

**The meeting closed at 3.52 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2022.**

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**Chairperson**